

A TRIBUTE TO COMMANDER
TEMPLE L. ALLEN

HON. DUNCAN HUNTER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 28, 2000

Mr. HUNTER. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to recognize the outstanding service and dedication of my friend from San Diego, Lieutenant Commander Temple L. Allen. His career in the United States Navy spans three decades and has earned many awards and recognitions, including Navy Commendation Medal presented to him by the Secretary of the Navy. I would like to take a moment to commend Temple's exceptional service to our country.

Temple began half a century ago in Ontario, California where he enlisted, and upon finishing submarine school was assigned to the U.S.S. *Catfish*. Since then, Temple went on to provide expert organizational guidance and leadership that was required to effectively repair many submarines at the NEREUS facility. He was recognized by his peers for his outstanding responsiveness in the NEREUS repair department and the high quality of work that was directly attributed to him. Throughout his tenure in the Navy, Temple inspired leadership, professionalism, and devotion to duty to those he served with and has continually conducted himself with the highest traditions of the United States Navy.

Mr. Speaker, in an era when the U.S. military is often not given sufficient recognition, outstanding leaders, such as Temple, exemplify the commitment our armed forces has to superior performance. As a veteran and Chairman of the House Subcommittee on Military Procurement, I would like to commend Commander Temple L. Allen for all of his efforts and years of service and to the United States Navy and our country.

TRIBUTE TO "ANGELS IN ADOPTION"
KEVIN AND EILEEN
GILLIGAN

HON. JAMES T. WALSH

OF NEW YORK

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Mr. WALSH. Mr. Speaker, each year in an effort to improve adoption policy and practice, the Congressional Coalition on Adoption holds a national award ceremony honoring "Angels in Adoption." The purpose of the "Angels in Adoption" campaign is to help raise public awareness of the many different ways committed individuals in our country can help children and families through adoption. This crusade is an opportunity to recognize these unsung heroes who make a difference for needy children all across the world.

Today, I would like to recognize two of this year's "Angels in Adoption" from my congressional district, Kevin and Eileen Gilligan of LaFayette, New York. As a couple, the Gilligans epitomize the loving, caring commitment found in all adoptive parents. In June of 1999, Kevin Gilligan wrote a journal for his new and youngest son, Louis, chronicling their trip to the Russia Republic to adopt him, which became front-page stories in the Syracuse Newspapers. Previously, the Gilligans adopted their

daughter, Addie, who is now 13 years old, and their son, Min, who is 11 years old, from Korea.

I want to commend the Gilligans for the warmth and compassion they have extended to children in need. When Kevin and Eileen met Louis for the first time, he did not even know how to express the most simple of affections, a kiss. As a family, they welcomed him and their two other children into their home and showed them how to love and be loved.

I use this opportunity to recognize Central New York's "Angels in Adoption," Kevin and Eileen Gilligan, and salute all adopted families in our nation.

IN RECOGNITION OF STATE SENATOR
M. ADELA "DELL" EADS'
OUTSTANDING SERVICE TO THE
PEOPLE OF CONNECTICUT

HON. NANCY L. JOHNSON

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mrs. JOHNSON of Connecticut. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to mark the end of an era in the government of my home state of Connecticut. With the retirement of State Senator M. Adela "Dell" Eads, the Connecticut Legislature is losing more than just a valued and respected member, it is losing a woman who represents the best that Connecticut has to offer, the epitome of the finest tradition of public service.

With over 24 years of service in the Connecticut State Legislature, Dell has left her mark on countless pieces of landmark legislation. From her work to establish the Connecticut Office of the Child Advocate to her leadership on welfare reform, Dell always championed the cause of Connecticut's children and families and acted to protect their interests.

But while Dell's legislative accomplishments are too numerous to mention, the one quality she will be remembered for is clear: leadership. Whether it was as leader of the Republican caucus or as President Pro Tem of the Senate, Dell commanded the respect of adversaries and allies alike. Her career in the legislature is a testament to the fact that civility, intelligence, integrity and strength are qualities that can be found in one individual. Such a public servant is a gift to be treasured in a democracy.

Connecticut and our country are the beneficiaries of the outstanding service provided by M. Adela Eads. I have been privileged to serve with her and to enjoy her friendship as well. I wish her all the best for a happy, healthy and productive retirement.

TRIBUTE TO THE HISPANIC
PARADE COMMITTEE, INC.

HON. JOSE E. SERRANO

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. SERRANO. Mr. Speaker, it is with great joy that I today pay tribute to the Hispanic Parade Committee, Inc. on its 36th Grand Parade. The parade will be held on October 8, 2000, in New York City.

In 1965 the Hispanic Societies met in New York for the purpose of celebrating the discovery of America by Christopher Columbus on October 12, 1492. This was to be accomplished through a parade, which would celebrate the heritage and spirit of the children of the Hispanic American union with a message from Spain and the Latin American nations, representing each country's culture, traditions and folklore.

Mr. Speaker, this project came to fruition in August of 1965 when the Hispanic Societies agreed to celebrate with a true Fiesta in the Latin American spirit that every year in the city of New York on the Sunday closest to the 12th of October. From that year on, the Hispanic Parade Committee has organized the memorable annual event now known as "Desfile de la Hispanidad" with the participation of Spain and all Hispanic American nations, to commemorate and celebrate Hispanic culture, races, language, religion, and traditions through colorful presentations of each country's costumes, folklore, and music, marching up Fifth Avenue from 44th Street to 72nd Street.

The Hispanic Parade Committee is made up of 50 organizations and a board of 27 representatives who spend a whole year preparing and organizing this complex multinational public event, with numerous cultural and entertainment activities. Among the many activities are the Spring Dance in honor of the reigning Queen of the Parade and her Court of Honor; the Salute to the Americas, which are series of conferences and lectures given by important authorities of the Hispanic world; the Art Exhibits where Latin American artists are invited to exhibit their art; the Sports Championships, which include soccer and softball competitions; the election of the Queen of the Hispanic Parade; a Catholic Mass of the Hispanic Parade, which is celebrated in St. Patrick's Cathedral and dedicated to a Patron Saint of a participating country; and the Great Gala Banquet to celebrate and recognize outstanding individuals of the Hispanic world.

The Hispanic Parade Committee has been growing every year. Fifty organizations belonging to the twenty-one Hispanic-American countries are now affiliated in the Parade, there will be a band, 40 allegorical carriages, and 30 folkloric groups representing these organizations.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the Hispanic Parade Committee, Inc. and in wishing them continued success on October 8 and in the future.

HONORING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY
OF THE RAVENNA CHURCH
OF THE NAZARENE

HON. ERNIE FLETCHER

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. FLETCHER. Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to recognize the Ravenna Church of the Nazarene during its 50th Anniversary celebration. This quaint church, nestled in Central Kentucky, has served the community and its members in many different ways over the past 50 years—now they come together to reflect on the many memories and years of fellowship.